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SUBJ: SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT TO KAMAZ APRIL 8

1. SUMMARY: ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT SEVEN-HOUR VISIT TO KAMAZ COMPLEX BY DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KOMAROV AND GENERAL DIRECTOR VASIL'YEV, ON APRIL 8 SECRETARY INSPECTED FOUNDRY CONSTRUCTION AND TOURED JUST-COMPLETED REPAIR AND TOOLING PLANT, PASSING SITES OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF COMPLEX: ENGINE PLANT, FORGING PLANT, STAMPING PLANT, ASSEMBLY PLANT AND THERMAL POWER PLANT. WHILE TOOLING PLANT COMPLETE AND FOUNDRY COVERED AND HEATED SINCE LATE FALL 1973, REMAINING UNITS ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. SOVIETS NEVERTHELESS CLAIM THAT FIRST TRUCK WILL COME OFF ASSEMBLY LINE BEFORE END OF 1975. END SUMMARY

2. AFTER SOME DELAY, SECRETARY AND PARTY FLEW FROM MOSCOW TO NABEREZHNIYE CHELNY IN 32-PLACE YAK-40 ARRANGED BY MFT, STOPPING BRIEFLY IN KAZAN' EN ROUTE. MET AND ESCORTED TO TEMPORARY PLANT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SECRETARY WAS  
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BRIEFED ON CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS BY KAMAZ GENERAL DIRECTOR

LEV BORISOVICH VASIL'YEV, WHO THEN ESCORTED SECRETARY ON TOUR OF TEN-SQUARE KILOMETER CONSTRUCTION SITE OF PLANT AND CITY PLANNED AROUND IT. FOLLOWING EXTERNAL INSPECTION OF 1.5 KILOMETER-LONG FOUNDRY, SECRETARY VISITED 110,000 SQUARE METER TOOLING PLANT, WHICH HOUSES 2,500 MACHINE TOOLS, SOME 35. PERCENT OF THEM FOREIGN-MADE (ABOUT ONE-FIFTH US, REMAINDER FRG, JAPANESE, SWEDISH, CZECH AND BRITISH), BEFORE PROCEEDING AROUND CONSTRUCTION AREA AND ON TO KAMAZ DACHA ON KAMA RIVER FOR CUSTOMARY LAVISH MEAL.

3. SECRETARY'S PARTY INCLUDED TWO MOSCOW-BASED JOURNALISTS AS POOL FOR LOCAL PRESS CORPS, GORDON JOSELOFF OF UIP AND AXEL KRAUSE OF MCGRAW-HILL. EMBASSY EXPECTS KRAUSE AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WILL FILE STORIES, KRAUSE IN CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF US MACHINE TOOL SHOW, STANKI-74, WHICH OPENS APRIL 10.

4. AMONG DATA PROVIDED BY SOVIETS IN COURSE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT, FOLLOWING APPEAR MOST SIGNIFICANT: FOUNDRY ACTUALLY INCLUDES TWO ELEMENTS WITH COMBINED CAPACITY OF 560,000 METRIC TONS OF CASTINGS PER YEAR, OF WHICH 400,000 TONS IRON, 100,000 TONS STEEL AND REMAINDER ALLOYS. CONSUMPTION OF SAND WILL BE 2,000 METRIC TONS PER DAY. TOOLING PLANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT ESTIMATED AT 35 MILLION RUBLES. FORGING PLANT OCCUPIES 200,000 SQUARE METERS OF SPACE AND PEAK OUTPUT WILL BE 300,000 METRIC TONS PER YEAR. PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ENGINE PLANT SET AT 250,000 250-HP V-8 DIESELS PER YEAR (1000 ENGINES PER WORKING DAY) AND PLANT OCCUPIES 120,000 SQUARE METERS. ASSEMBLY PLANT WILL INCLUDE TWO 660-METER-LONG LINES, WHICH WILL TOGETHER PRODUCE ONE COMPLETE 10-11 TON TRUCK EACH 1.7 MINUTES ON BASIS OF TWO WORKING SHIFTS PER DAY (41 HOURS PER WEEK PER WORKER). STEEL CONSUMPTION OF STAMPING PLANT IS ESTIMATED AT 300-350 THOUSAND METRIC TONS PER YEAR FOR PRODUCTION OF 150,000 TRUCKS (AN 8-TON DUMP TRUCK IS TO BE TH FIRST IN PRODUCTION, FOLLOWED BY SEMI-TRAILER TRUCKS).

5. ALL HEAT AND POWER FOR THE PLANT COMPLEX AND THE 250,000 INHABITANT CITY CONSTRUCTED AROUND IT WILL BE SUPPLIED BY A CENTRAL THERMAL-POWER PLANT FUELED BY OIL. THIS PLANT INCLUDED, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TOTAL GROUND AREA TO BE COVERED BY THE SEVEN ELEMENTS OF THE MANUFACTURING COMPLEX WILL BE 700 HECTARES OR ABOUT THREE SQUARE MILES.

6. THROUGH MARCH 1974 MORE THAN 400,000 SQUARE METERS OF LIVING SPACE ACCOMMODATING 80,000 PRESENT INHABITANTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED, LEAVING AN ADDITIONAL 2,100,000 SQUARE METERS OF APARTMENT FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION. THE ENTIRE SITE IS

LAI D OUT ON A GRID PATTERN, AND THE NOISIEST OPERATIONS (FOUNDRY) ARE SITUATED ABOUT 4 KILOMETERS FROM NEAREST DWELLING UNITS.

7. BASIC DESING OF THE TRUCK CHASSIS IS BY MOSCOW LIKHACHEV WORKS (ZIL) AND ENGINE IS BASED ON YAROSLAV WORKS DESIGN. AS FOUNDRY WAS ENGINEERED BY SWINDELL-DRESSLER, SO ENGINE PLANT WAS LAID OUT B RENAULT WITH MODIFICATIONS FOR TRANSMISSION LINE BY FRG FIRM LIEBHERR. REMAINDER OF PLANT ENGINEERING IS SOVIET. ALTOGETHER, WORKS WILL INCLUDE 320 INDIVIDUAL AUTOMATED PRODUCTION LINES.

8. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY' QUESTIONS, SOVIETS REPLIED THAT POLLUTION CONTROLS ARE TO BE PROCESSES INSTALLED IN MOST RECENT FORD (US) PLANT, WHILE WATER SUPPLY INCLUDES FIVE 1.5 METER/DIAMETER PIPELINES 18 KILOMETERS LONG AND SEWAGE SYSTEM REQUIRES 27 KILOMETERS OF 3 METER-DIAMETER CONDUITS.

9. IN RESPONSE TO CLOSE QUESTIONING BY JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS, SOVIETS REPEATEDLY CLAIMED THAT FIRST TRUCK WILL ROLL OFF LINES BY END OF 1975. ON THE GENERAL COMPUTER MONITOR SYSTE  
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